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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

As a senior on a fixed income, this increase would put a great burden on my finances. Additionally, Duke Energy also keeps reassessing my month amount due to their advantage. Right now they owe my several hundred dollars as our daughter moved out of our house. I am awaiting their response for a reassessment of my account at this time rather than an annual review. In the meantime, they are making money on my monthly overpayment. I will be going on monthly billing as soon as possible...

Please do not approve this increase. Thank you.
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Sincerely,
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